



UNDER 17 HANDLER GUIDELINES

The Rabbit Breeders Association of Tasmania prides itself on encouraging and educating the next generation of rabbit Fanciers. As part of our dedication to this, a framework has been established to guide those under 17 in their handler class. This framework is designed to encourage the junior member to assess the exhibit they present as though they were the judge.

*****RBAT U17 Handler Assessment (Summary)*****

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| 1. Introduction and Pose | 20 pts |
| a. Introduce yourself | |
| b. Introduce the breed of rabbit | |
| c. Summarize the breed characteristics | |
| d. Pose rabbit | |
| 2. Assess / Critique | |
| a. Body | 10 pts |
| i. Structure | |
| b. Head | 10 pts |
| i. Ears | |
| ii. Eyes | |
| iii. Teeth | |
| iv. Nose | |
| c. Legs | 10 pts |
| i. Front | |
| ii. Back | |
| iii. Toenails | |
| iv. Hocks | |
| d. Under | 10 pts |
| i. Belly | |
| ii. Tail | |
| iii. Sex | |
| e. Fur | 10 pts |
| i. Type | |
| ii. Grooming | |
| 3. Summary / conclusion | 10 pts |
| 4. Presentation / preparation / overall | 20 pts |



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RBAT U17 Handler Assessment (Detailed)

- 1. Introduction and Pose** **20 pts**
 - a. Introduce yourself
 - b. Introduce the breed of rabbit
 - c. Summarize the breed characteristics
 - d. Pose Rabbit

“Good morning, my name is Billy Bunnie. I am 14 years old and have been showing for 2 years. This is a Black Otter Mini Rex Doe named ‘Whiskers’. Mini rex are a dwarf breed and have a compact body and a plush coat”

- 2. Assess / Critique**
 - a. Body** **10 pts**
 - i. Structure (characteristics to standard. Cobby, lopped, compact, dwarf)
 - b. Head** **10 pts**
 - i. Ears (look into ears, feel ears, terms: thickness, fur covering, shape to standard, size)
 - ii. Eyes (open eyes completely, terms: moon eye, correct colour to breed)
 - iii. Teeth (broken, malocclusion, pegged)
 - iv. Nose (colour to standard, discharge)
 - c. Legs** **10 pts**
 - i. Front (bone, to standard)
 - ii. Back (bone, parallel)
 - iii. Toenails (colour, present)
 - iv. Hocks (sore, broken, bare)
 - d. Under** **10 pts**
 - i. Belly (colour, hernia)
 - ii. Tail (feel tail, broken, wry, screw)
 - iii. Sex (sex, extend penis, check testicles)
 - e. Fur** **10 pts**
 - i. Type (wool, flyback, rollback, density, texture, guard hair, length)
 - ii. Grooming (cleanliness, knots, toenails trimmed)

- 3. Summary / conclusion** **10 pts**

“Overall this rabbit has a nice compact body and excels in coat density although is a little soft in texture. Thank you judge for time today. Is there anything else you would like me to demonstrate today?”

- 4. Presentation / preparation / overall** **20 pts**

How well did they present themselves? Did they seem interested, smiling, look at the judge?.
How well prepared were they? Overall assessment?